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Sir:

In response to the election requirement of February 27, 2002, Applicants elect Species III as disclosed in FIGS. 10-12 and 14A-14B for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The claims readable on Species III are Claims 1-27, drawn to an apparatus of a bicycle stem, classified in Class 74, subclass 551.1. If prosecution on the merits can be advanced through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

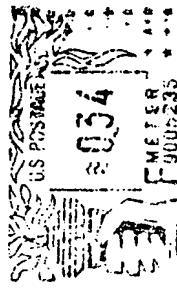
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